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Markell Scales Back Driving Restrictions

*Level 2 Driving Restriction Reduced to Level 1 Driving Warning;
Evacuation Areas Remain In Effect, And Entry Will Be Denied, While Flooding Is Assessed*

Wilmington - Following an examination of road conditions by state highway crews and discussions with emergency management officials, Governor Jack A. Markell has scaled back the state's driving restrictions throughout the State of Delaware.

Effective as of 8:30 a.m., Governor Markell lifted the Level 2 Driving Restriction and instituted a Level 1 Driving Warning throughout the state. Highway crews, troopers and other emergency officials began inspections of road conditions in early morning hours and will continue those efforts throughout the day. Because of heavy flooding and other damage, the previously-designated Evacuation Areas are still in effect and should not be entered at this time.

A complete list of the Evacuation Areas statewide can be found on [the DEMA home page](#). The DEMA home page also includes maps of the Evacuation Areas for [New Castle County](#), [Kent County](#) and [Sussex County](#).

Although motorists are permitted to return to the roads, drivers are advised that many highways and streets remain closed as a result of storm-related damage. The high tide cycle that will move up the ocean coast and then the Delaware Bay and River between 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. today may cause additional flooding and closures. The most recent listing of road closures and roads with water on them is set forth below, and may be found on [DelDOT's home page](#).

"Without minimizing the very real damage and destruction caused by this storm, particularly in our coastal areas, it thankfully appears that Hurricane Sandy did not cause the widespread statewide damage that the forecasts predicted as recently as yesterday afternoon," said Governor Markell. "For that reason, it is appropriate to scale back driving restrictions across our state, while keeping the evacuation order in place in our hard-hit coastal and other flood-prone areas."

Law enforcement and local officials will be preventing access to those areas until assessments can be made. City and county officials will decide when access to those areas will be allowed.

"Although travel will be possible through much of the state this morning, this is not a signal for people with homes and businesses in the seriously flooded areas to head back to check on damage. Access will be restricted in those areas while damage is assessed," Gov. Markell said.

The state is remaining under a Level 1 Driving Warning due to numerous road closures for flooding, signal outages, and remaining impacts from both the storm and this morning's high tides that may cause additional flooding in some areas.

All drivers are urged to exercise particular caution in the wake of Hurricane Sandy, and to be mindful of the road closures set forth below. There are also at least 16 traffic signals that are out, so motorists should be careful.

DART Transit Service will begin a "Saturday" level of service at 10 a.m. DART Paratransit will resume at 10 a.m., however will only be making medical trips. Tolls on I-95 will resume at noon and on Route 1 at 3 p.m.

List of Road Closures And Water On Road from DelDOT:

Sussex County:

- **DE54 between Van Buren Ave & DE 1 – water on road**
- **Old Landing Road between DE 1 & Marsh Road – water on road**
- **Iron Branch Road near Possum Park Road – water on road**
- **Long Neck Road between Pot Nets Road & Massey Landing Road – water on road**
- **DE 54 between DE 1 & Harpoon Hanna's – water on road**
- **Oak Orchard Road at River Road – water on road**
- **Chiefs Road between Road 297 & Road 312 - water on road**
- **DE 24 between Bay Farm Road & Long Neck Road – water on road**
- **State Forest Road between Bowden's Garage & Gravally Branch Road – water on road**
- **Road 556 between Stein Highway & Road 556 – water on road**
- **Line Road between Stein Highway & Line Road – water on road**
- **Road 579 between Road 579 & Deer Forest Road – water on road**
- **Atlantic Avenue between Central Ave & Canal St – water on road**
- **Fawn Road between Road 5656 & Road 611 – water on road**
- **RT1 is closed between Dewey Beach and RD360 (Fred Hudson RD – North of Beathany Beach) Due to High Water**
- **Oyster Rocks RD is closed beginning at RT1 for the entire stretch of road with barricades allowing residents to leave, but not return.**
- **Prime Hook RD is closed beginning at RT1 Due to High Water**
- **FOWLER BEACH RD IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO EROSION /BETWEEN THE SLAUGHTER CREEK BRIDGE AND THE BAY**
- **CEDAR CREEK DRAWBRIDGE IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**
- **RT1 CLOSED BETWEEN RT54 & RT26**
- **Long Neck Rd between Rd 22C to Masseys Landing – Closed**
- **Savannah Rd. at Lewes Drawbridge – Closed**
- **Reed St; Bellview; Collins St. at Dewey limits, the whole road. – Closed**
- **Chandler Street at The town limits – Closed**
- **Magnolia St. in Milton at The town limits – Closed**
- **Front Street in Milton at The town limits – Closed**
- **Rt 5 Union St. at The town limits – Closed**
- **West Line Rd. between Hudson Rd to Lighthouse Rd – Closed**
- **Rt 16 between Graves Farm Rd. to Beach – Closed**
- **Main St. Frankford – Closed**

- Beaver Dam rd – Closed
- Gum Rd – Closed
- Snake Road between Mt Pleasant & Woodland Ferry Road – high water
- Market Street between Delaware Drive & First St – roof in roadway
- S301 between DE 24 & Phillips Branch Road – high water
- S221 between S222 & S215 – flooded
- S38, entire roadway – flooded
- S244 between S38 & beach – flooded
- Old Mill Rd between DE 26 & DE 54 – flooded
- River Road between S297 & DE24 - flooded

Kent County:

- S MARKET ST Bennett's Pier Rd BETWEEN DAVID RD AND FREDERICA RD
- CYPRESS BRANCH RD AT THE BRIDGE HAS WATER ACROSS THE ROADWAY
- Big Stone Beach rd just north of New Wharf Rd
- Front St in Leipsic – Closed
- Rte 9 at S Little Creek Rd – Closed
- Market St in Fredericka – Closed
- Bennett's Pier Rd – Closed
- Ponderosa Dr between Plaindealing Rd & Nicholas Ln – Closed
- Kitts Humock Rd from refuge to the water – Closed
- Woodland Beach Rd @ Rt 9 – Closed
- Port Mahon Rd – Closed
- Rt 8 at Silver Lake Bridge - WATER ON ROADWAY
- Haletville Rd between Artis Dr & Wyoming Mill Rd - WATER ON ROADWAY
- Westville Rd between Grygo Rd & Mahon Corner Rd - WATER ON ROADWAY
- Hour Glass Rd @ Slaughter Stn Rd - WATER ON ROADWAY
- Rt 9 @ Flemings Landing Bridge - WATER ON ROADWAY
- Andrew Lake Road - WATER ON ROADWAY
- Still Rd @ Mahon Rd - WATER ON ROADWAY
- Fire Tower Rd between Tomahawk Rd and Evans Rd - WATER ON ROADWAY
- Fence Post Rd between Olin Dill & Turkey Point - WATER ON ROADWAY
- Berrytown Rd at Rt 12 - WATER ON ROADWAY
- John Hurd Rd at Spectrum Farms - WATER ON ROADWAY
- Mudmill east of Mahan Corner Rd – WATER ON ROADWAY
- Graves End Road between RT6 & Lighthouse Road – WATER ON ROADWAY
- RT 9 @ M&M Hunting Lodge – WATER ON ROADWAY
- Big Oak Rd in front of Big Oak Park – WATER ON ROADWAY
- Raymond Neck between Bear Swamp & Big Woods Rd – WATER ON ROADWAY
- Pickering Beach Road – passable, WATER ON ROADWAY
- Lockwood Chapel Road between Pearson's Corner Road & Judith Road – WATER ON ROADWAY

- **Foxhole Road near S Little Creek Road – WATER ON ROADWAY**
- **S Little Creek Road between Horsepond Rd & Little Creek Rd – WATER ON ROADWAY**
- **Fork Landing Rd between Rothermel and Tubmill Pond Rd – WATER ON ROADWAY**
- **Frederica Rd between Johnny Cake Landing & Rt 1 – WATER ON ROADWAY**
- **Fork Landing Rd between Tub Mill Rd & Carpenter Bridge – WATER ON ROADWAY**
- **Gyro Rd between Mahon Corner Rd & Westville Rd – WATER ON ROADWAY**
- **Salsibury Rd between Walker Rd & Rt 8 – WATER ON ROADWAY**
- **Farm Ln Between Olin Dill & Kersey Rd – WATER ON ROADWAY**
- **LongRidge Rd between Hollets Crn & NCCo Line – Large Tree in Roadway**
- **Daisy Rd at Rt 6 – Large Tree in Road**
- **Killens Pond Rd between Sandbox Rd & Rt 14 – WATER ON ROADWAY**

New Castle County:

- **Old State Rd reported with High Water**
- **Old Corbit Rd reported with High Water**
- **RT9 (East of Odessa) reported with High Water**
- **RT 13 SB ON MARKET STREET BRIDGE IS CLOSED**
- **IN ROSEVILLE DEVELOPMENT CHESTNUT AVE BETWEEN ROSE CR AND CEDAR ST CLOSED DUE TO HIGH WATER**
- **PHILADELPHIA PIKE BETWEEN SHIPLEY RD AND LEA BLVD IS FLOODED**
- **THOMAS CORNER RD BETWEEN TAYLORS BRIDGE RD AND THOMAS LANDING RD - HIGH WATER ON THE ROAD**
- **Rt 9 north of Port Penn – Closed**
- **Rt 9 at Twin Bridges – Closed**
- **Old Airport Rd at Nonesuch Creek – Closed**
- **Stanton Christiana Rd at Stanton Overpass – Closed**
- **Old Ogletown Rd at Avon Overpass – Closed**
- **Salem Church Rd at Reybold Rd – Closed**
- **Governor Lea Rd – Closed**
- **Rt 9 at Dobbinsville – Closed**
- **US 40 at School Bell Rd - WATER ON ROADWAY**
- **US 40 at Pleasant Valley Rd - WATER ON ROADWAY**
- **Rt 71 at Old Summit Bridge - WATER ON ROADWAY**
- **Rt 4 between Middleboro Rd & Wood Crest - WATER ON ROADWAY**
- **Mill Creek Rd between Graves Rd & Mendenhall Mill Rd - WATER ON ROADWAY**
- **Brackenville Rd between Old Wilm Rd & Lancaster Pk– Closed**

- **Rolling Mill Rd between Barley Mill Rd & Lancaster Pike – Closed**
- **Barley Mill Rd Between Rolling Mill Rd & Mt Cuba – Closed**
- **Barley Mill Rd Between Brackenville Rd & Rt 82 – Closed**
- **Sharpless Rd between Old Wilm Rd & Rt 82 – Closed**
- **Fox Den Rd between Paper Mill Rd & Polly Drummond Rd – Closed**
- **Rolling Mill Rd between Rt 48 & Rt 82 – Closed**
- **Grubb Rd between Marsh Rd & Coventry – Closed**
- **S Heald St between Rodgers Rd & New Castle Ave – Closed**
- **Gov Printz Blvd – Multiple points – Closed**
- **US13 southbound in area of Hearth Restaurant – Closed, wires & trees**
- **Welsh Track Rd between Welsh Tract & Ironside Rd – Closed, wires & trees**
- **Woods Rd from Howell School to Porter Rd – Closed, wires & trees**
- **Welsh Tract Rd between Whittaker Rd & Iron Side – Closed, wires & trees**

**Executive Department
Dover**

**FOURTH MODIFICATION OF DECLARATION OF
STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE
IMPLEMENTING A LEVEL 1 DRIVING WARNING
AND REAFFIRMING THAT EVACUEES SHOULD NOT RETURN
TO EVACUATION AREAS UNTIL INSTRUCTED TO DO SO**

WHEREAS, in connection with the imminent danger posed by Hurricane Sandy, I issued an Executive Order at 5:00 p.m. on October 27, 2012 declaring a State of Emergency for New Castle, Kent and Sussex Counties and ordering a mandatory evacuation of specified low-lying and coastal areas; and

WHEREAS, I issued the first modification to that Executive Order at 11:30 a.m. on October 28, 2012, requiring that businesses within the evacuation areas close by 6:00 p.m. that day, and at 7:00 p.m. the same day, I issued a second modification to the Executive Order instituting a Level 1 Driving Warning; and

WHEREAS, at 10:15 p.m. on October 28, 2012, I issued a third modification to the Executive Order implementing a Level 2 Driving Restriction effective at 5:00 a.m. on Monday, October 29; and

WHEREAS, over the course of October 29, the severe post-tropical storm that resulted from Hurricane Sandy passed through Delaware, resulting in significant rainfall, high winds, and the loss of

power for more than 40,000 Delawareans, all of which has contributed to treacherous road conditions;
and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Sandy caused severe coastal and inland bay flooding in the low-lying areas in Sussex, Kent, and New Castle Counties, including a wash-out of Route 1 south of Dewey Beach and severe flooding through several Sussex County and Kent County coastal and bay beach communities;
and

WHEREAS, due to that flooding, many areas originally evacuated remain very treacherous, and the public may not be able to re-enter those areas for several days,

NOW THEREFORE, I, JACK A. MARKELL, pursuant to Title 20, Chapter 31 of the Delaware Code, do hereby declare that the previously issued executive orders shall remain in effect until further notice, with the following modifications:

1. The Level 2 Driving Restriction implemented at 5:00 a.m. on Monday, October 29, 2012 is terminated, effective immediately.

2. A Level 1 Driving Warning is implemented effective immediately. Any person operating a motor vehicle in Delaware shall exercise extra caution in the operation of their motor vehicle. Nonessential employees, regardless of whether employed by a public or private entity, are encouraged not to operate a motor vehicle on the State's roadways unless there is a significant safety, health or business reason to do so.

3. The Delaware Department of Transportation and the Delaware State Police, in consultation with the Delaware Emergency Management Agency and the Secretary of Safety and Homeland Security, may order such bridge and road closures as necessary to protect the health and safety of the public, and the public is advised that they should remain aware of road and bridge closures over the next several days, particularly in low-lying locations and Evacuation Areas.

4. The mandatory evacuation order implemented on October 28, 2012 remains in effect until such time as emergency officials authorize residents and visitors that it is safe to return to previously evacuated communities.

5. The mandatory closing of all businesses within the Evacuation Areas, implemented at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 28, 2012, remains in effect until such time as emergency officials authorize residents and visitors that it is safe to return to the previously evacuated community.

6. Except as set forth above, all provisions of the previously issued Executive Orders shall remain in effect. Those provisions include, but are not limited to, the following:

a. State and local officials may remove abandoned vehicles from roads in the State of Delaware at the expense of the vehicle owner; and

b. Notwithstanding the requirements of Chapter 47 of Title 21 of the Delaware Code, any utility driver engaging in the provision or restoration of utility services and any driver making food and fuel deliveries shall be exempt from the hours of service requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 395 in its entirety.

c. Pursuant to 20 Del. C. § 3116(a)(11), the Delaware National Guard shall continue to provide necessary assistance to state and local authorities, at the discretion for the Adjutant General or his designee.

7. I hereby reserve the right to take, or direct state or local authorities to take, without issuance of further written order, any other necessary actions authorized by Title 20, Chapter 31 of the Delaware Code to respond to this emergency.

APPROVED this 30th day of October, 2012 at 7:45 a.m.

Governor

EXHIBIT A
EVACUATION AREAS

In accordance with Paragraph 4 of this Order, persons located in the following areas ("Evacuation Areas") were subject to mandatory evacuation and should remain outside of the Evacuation Areas until allowed to enter by county emergency officials.

Sussex County

Sussex County Delaware Bay Communities

Slaughter Beach
Prime Hook Beach
Broadkill Beach
Lewes Beach, east of the Rehoboth Lewes canal

Sussex County Ocean Coastal Communities

Flood-prone areas within $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile of the coast in the following communities:

Henlopen Acres
Rehoboth Beach
Dewey Beach
North Bethany
Bethany Beach
South Bethany
Fenwick Island

Sussex County Inland Bay Communities

Areas surrounding the Rehoboth Bay, Indian River and Little Assawoman Bay
Flood-prone areas south of Route 24 (John J. Williams Highway) including Angola, Long Neck and Oak Orchard
Flood-prone areas along Route 26 (Vines Creek Road and Atlantic Avenue)
Flood-prone areas along Route 54 (Lighthouse Road)

Sussex County Western Communities

Flood-prone areas in close proximity to the Nanticoke and Broad Creek Rivers

Kent County

Woodland Beach
Pickering Beach, including any homes east of 799 Pickering Beach Rd.
Kitts Hummock Beach, and all addresses above 2123 Kitts Hummock Rd.
Bowers Beach, including any homes east of Old Bowers Rd.
South Bowers Beach
Big Stone Beach
Bennetts Pier
Port Mahon Rd., any address above 900

New Castle County

New Castle County, City of New Castle:

Washington Park Subdivision
Dobbinsville

From the Delaware River to Fourth Street
Penn Valley subdivision
Buttonwood subdivision

New Castle County, City of Delaware City:

All houses east of Second Street
The 100 block of Fifth Street
All of Delaware City Mobile Home Park
All of Polktown

Other New Castle County Coastal Communities:

Town of Port Penn
Augustine Beach
Bayview Beach
Any residences South of Augustine Beach and East of Silver Run Road/Route 9

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